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SUBJ: ANGOLA: CHIPENDA/EASUM CONVERSATION

1. SUMMARY: CHIPENDA SAYS HE IS TRYING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH NETO BEFORE PURUSING NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN WITH PORTUGUES ON OCT 11. NETO IS PROVING ELUSIVE AND CHIPENDA CANNOT WAIT MUCH LONGER. HIS RELATIONS WITH OTHER ANGOLAN LIBERATION LEADERS ARE GOOD. HE OPPOSES CABINDAN INDEPENDENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HOUR-LONG CONVERSATION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH ASST SECTY EASUM OCT 19, DANIEL CHIPENDA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS. HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF TO BE PRESIDENT OF MPLA ON STRNGTH OF HIS "ELECTION" BY MPLA LUSAKA CONGRESS IN AUG. PRESIDENT NYERERE
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"FORCED" HIM TO SIGN SEPT 3 BRAZZAVILLE COMMUNIQUE NAMING NETO

PRESIDENT AND CHIPENDA AND ANDRADE VICE PRESIDENTS; CONSEQUENTLY, THAT DID NOT COUNT. HE HAS ALREADY RECRUITED 3000 MEMBERS IN ZAIRE AND PLANS TO OPEN SECOND OFFICE, IN LUBUMBASHI. BIG JOB AHEAD IS TO ORGANIZE MPLA IN ANGOLA INTO REAL MASS MOVEMENT WITH DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED LEADERSHIP AND WITH POLICIES THAT REFLECT POPULAR CONCERNS RATHER THAN FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES. BLAMES IDEOLOGICALLY ORIENTED NETO FOR FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND AND LEAD ANGOLAN MASSES.

3. IN OCT 11 MEETING IN KINSHASA WITH PORTUGUESE DELEGATION LED BY GEN DE MELO, CHIPENDA DECLINED TO BECOME MPLA REP IN PROVISIONAL GOVT OF ANGOLA BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION THIS WOULD AROUSE AMONG NETO'S SUPPORTERS, PRINCIPALLY IN LUANDA WHERE NETO IS OFTEN ONLY LIBERATION LEADER KNOWN. HE ALSO DECLINED TO SIGN CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT. HE IS CURRENTLY TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH NETO, BUT HIS MESSENGERS HAVING HARD TIME LOCATING HIM. LATEST WORD IS THAT HE IS IN LUSAKA. CHIPENDA SAID PACE OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA IS SUCH THAT HE CANNOT WAIT VERY LONG FOR NETO TO COME TO TERMS. HE DID NOT WANT TO PREDICT WHEN HIS NEXT MEETING WITH PORTUGUESE WOULD TAKE PLACE BUT SAID IT WOULD NOT BE IN KINSHASA. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO HOLD IT IN LUANDA.

4. CHIPENDA SAID HE IS SUSPICIOUS OF BRAZZAVILLE REGIME. IT HAS TWICE INVITED HIM TO COME TO BRAZZAVILLE FOR DISCUSSIONS AND HE HAS REFUSED. HE BELIEVED IT HAS DESIGNS ON CABINDA AND SUSPECTS THAT FRANCE, TOO, IS INTERESTED. HIS OWN POSITION IS THAT CABINDA IS INTEGRAL PART OF ANGOLA AND HE IS SATISFIED AFTER HIS OCT 11 MEETING WITH PORTUGUESE THAT THIS IS ALSO PORTUGAL'S POSITION. HE DOES NOT DENY EXISTENCE OF SOME SEPARATIST SENTIMENT IN CABINDA BUT SAYS THIS CAN BE DEALT WITH "AMONG ANGOLANS" AFTER INDEPENDENCE IS ACHIEVED, POSSIBLY BY ADOPTION OF "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" FOR CABINDA. CHIPENDA PROFESSED TO BELIEVE THAT MOBUTU DOES NOT HAVE DESIGNS ON CABINDA DESPITE SUPPORT THAT RANQUE FRANQUE'S FLEC HAS BEEN RECEIVING HERE. AS EVIDENCE HE POINTED TO MOBUTU'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR HOLDEN ROBERTO'S FNLA -- AND NOW FOR CHIPENDA -- WHOSE POSITION ON CABINDA AS PART OF ANGOLA WELL KNOWN.

5. CHIPENDA INDICATED HE HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER ANGOLAN LIBERATION LEADERS. PINTO DE ANDRADE HAS AGREED TO JOIN HIM IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE EVEN IF HE FAILS TO REACH AGREEMENT
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WITH NETO. HE AND HOLDEN ROBERTO ARE ON FRIENDLY TERMS AND VISIT EACH OTHER FREELY. FURTHERMORE, UNITA'S SAVIMBI HAS ACCEPTED CHIPENDA'S INVITATION TO COME TO KINSHASA AND WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY.

6. ASKED WHETHER HE PLANNED TO ATTEND UPCOMING INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN LUSKA, CHIPENDA SAID THIS WOULD BE "POLITICALLY INADVISABLE".

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